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(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

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AB-131U1**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Michael A. Faltys, entitled High Contact Count Sub-Miniature Fully Implantable Cochlear Prosthesis, for a(n):

() Original Patent Application.

(X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

() Continuation (X) Divisional () Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior Application No. 09/823,271; filed on 03/30/2001.

Enclosed are:

(X) Application Data Sheet 2 Total Sheet(s).() Non-Publication Request Total Sheet(s).(X) Specification; 28 Total Pages + cover sheet.(X) Drawing(s); 6 Total Sheets of formal drawings + 6 Total Sheets of copy of drawings.

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() Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).

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